

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN**

At the end of title VII, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 7 ____ . IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF
2 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MENTAL HEALTH
3 TASK FORCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
5 United States shall conduct a review of the implementa-
6 tion by the Department of Defense of recommendations
7 made by the Department of Defense Task Force on Men-
8 tal Health (in this section referred to as the “Task
9 Force”) developed pursuant to section 723 of the National
10 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public
11 Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3348) to ensure a full continuum
12 of psychological health services and care for members of
13 the Armed Forces and their families.

14 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDA-
15 TIONS.—The Comptroller General shall review implemen-
16 tation of the Task Force’s recommendations, with a focus
17 on those relating to the following:

1 (1) A comprehensive public education campaign
2 to reduce the stigma associated with mental health
3 problems.

4 (2) Changing Department of Defense policies to
5 “Guarantee a Thorough Assessment of Behavioral
6 Symptoms When Evaluating Combat Veterans for
7 Administrative/Legal Dismissal from the Military”
8 including “carefully assessing a soldier’s history of
9 exposure to conditions that could cause PTSD, or
10 traumatic brain injury, or related diagnoses for
11 those facing administrative or medical discharge”.

12 (3) Appointment of a psychological director of
13 health in each military department, military treat-
14 ment facility, the National Guard, and the Reserves.

15 (4) Enhancing TRICARE benefits and care for
16 mental health problems.

17 (5) Implementing an annual psychological
18 health assessment addressing cognition, psycho-
19 logical functioning, and overall psychological readi-
20 ness for each member of the Armed Forces, includ-
21 ing members of the National Guard and reserve
22 components.

23 (6) Developing a model for allocating resources
24 to military mental health facilities, and services em-
25 bedded in line units, based on an assessment of the

1 needs of and risks faced by the populations served
2 by such facilities and services.

3 (7) Maintaining adequate family support pro-
4 grams for families of deployed members of the
5 Armed Forces.

6 (c) CRITERIA FOR REPORT.—The report shall assess
7 the following::

8 (1) Whether recommendations have been fully,
9 partially, or not implemented, including reasons for
10 not implementing a recommendation.

11 (2) Any staffing or other resource needed to
12 fully implement recommendations.

13 (3) A date on which all recommendations are
14 expected to be fully implemented.

15 (4) Obstacles and barriers to the Department's
16 full implementation of the Task Force recommenda-
17 tions.

18 (d) TIMELINE.—The Comptroller General shall con-
19 duct the review in two phases:

20 (1) An initial review of the status of the rec-
21 ommendations within 90 days after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act.

23 (2) A subsequent review over the next 180
24 days.

1 (e) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
3 troller General shall submit to the congressional defense
4 committees a report on the results of the review required
5 by this section. The report shall compare progress over
6 the two phases described in subsection (d) and include
7 such recommendations as the Comptroller General con-
8 siders appropriate.

